

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22459C1**

The purpose of this legislation is to improve highway safety by amending the State of Idaho's current repeat intoxicated driver (repeat offender) law. In 2012 impaired driving contributed to 40% of the fatalities on all Idaho roadways.

This legislation defines the term 'repeat offender' and will enhance safety by applying consistency as to timing and length requirements when an ignition interlock device is ordered for repeat driving under the influence (DUI) offenders. These changes also allow repeat DUI offenders the opportunity to be productive by continuing the ability to transport themselves to places of employment and treatment programs under a restricted driver's license program.

Federal law regarding ignition interlocks for repeat DUI offenders changed on July 6, 2012 with the passage of the federal highway act known as the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). As a result, Idaho's law on ignition interlock devices for repeat DUI offenders fell out of compliance with [23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1275] the assessment and treatment requirements associated with mandatory driver's license suspension. Passage of this legislation will bring Idaho into compliance.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no General Fund impact. Passage of this legislation improves highway safety while restoring flexibility of how federal-aid highway funds are allocated to various programs.

The fiscal impact to repeat DUI offenders will vary, and is determined by interlock companies certified to provide service to Idaho. The current average cost of installation is \$100 with an average monthly fee of \$60.

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